

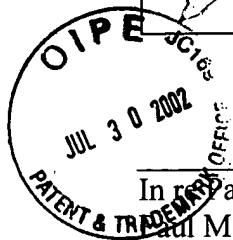
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In re Patent Application of:  
Paul M. Ducker, et al.

Application No.: 09/615,978

Group Art Unit: 3761

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Examiner: Stephens, J.F.

For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE  
EMPLOYING AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE,  
AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 26, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

As a supplemental response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002, Applicants have submitted proposed corrections to the drawings, which Applicants believe adequately address the objections noted by the Examiner.

First, the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5), because they do not include certain reference signs mentioned in the description, specifically, "upper (S1) and lower (S2) layers." However, Applicants note that "S1" and "S2" are not reference numerals for use with the drawings, but are abbreviated conventions to indicate the upper spunbond and lower spunbond layers in a "SMS" non-woven substrate structure. Accordingly, no such reference numerals are required for notation in drawings.

The Examiner also objected to the drawings as not including certain reference signs, specifically, certain reference signs used in the drawings but not mentioned in the description: 22, 101, 1833. The proposed corrections address the objection in respect to reference numeral "22." However, Applicants submit that reference numerals "101" and "1833" are not used in the

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Supplemental Response to Office Action Mailed April 26, 2002 (2 Pages);
2. Submission of Corrected Drawings (11 Sheets; 24 Figures);
3. Sheet showing corrections to drawing (1 Sheet);
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01880US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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